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**Office Action Summary**

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-82 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 66-82 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-65 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)               | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: ____.  |
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1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1 through 65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 is indefinite because it is unclear whether the structures recited in lines 1-3 of the claim comprise a part of the claimed invention. Lines 1-4 appear to define the environment of intended use, but the structural elements of these lines are claimed in combination with various other elements of a support structure in lines 4-12 of claim 1. Accordingly, it is unclear what combination of elements comprises the dispenser.

Claim 22 is indefinite because it is unclear what combination of elements comprises the dispenser. Lines 1-5 recite elements which appear to be a part of the dispenser, however; beginning at the end of line 5 the recitation "a dispenser..." appears to set forth elements for the dispenser. Accordingly, it is unclear what elements comprise the claimed dispenser.

Claim 43 is indefinite because it is unclear whether the structures recited in lines 1-4 of the claim comprise a part of the claimed invention. Lines 1-4 appear to define the environment of intended use, but the structural elements of these lines are claimed in combination with various other elements of a support structure in the remainder of claim 43. Accordingly, it is not clearly understood what combination of elements comprises the dispenser.

Claim 45 is indefinite because it is unclear what combination of elements comprises the dispenser. Lines 1-5 recite elements which appear to be a part of the dispenser, however; beginning at the end of line 5 the recitation "a dispenser..." appears to set forth elements for the dispenser. Accordingly, it is unclear what elements comprise the claimed dispenser.

Claim 49 is indefinite because it is unclear whether the structures recited in lines 1-3 of the claim comprise a part of the claimed invention. Lines 1-3 appear to define the environment of intended use, but the structural elements of these lines are claimed in combination with various other elements of a support structure in the remainder of claim 49. Accordingly, it is unclear what combination of elements comprises the dispenser.

3. Claims 66 through 82 are allowed.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David H. Bollinger whose telephone number is 571-272-6935. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Donald Walsh, can be reached on 571-272-6944. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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